**EDNA interview guide Phase 3**

**DID NOT DONATE Phase 3 Interview Guide (FINAL v10)**

**Opening**

Hello, my name is x and first I would like to thank you for agreeing to meet with me today to talk about your experiences of egg donation. Before we start, it is important that we go through this information and consent form [go through consent form].

You can speak for as long as you like, but the interview today will likely last around an hour. I’d like to ask you about your own experiences of egg donation as well as your views about egg donation more generally.

Before we start is there anything you would like to ask me or anything else you would like to know about the research? Please let me know if you need a break or to stop at any time etc.

**Introduction**

1. To start off, can you tell me in your own words, how you first came across the idea of becoming an egg donor?

Depending how much they have already said –

OK, that’s a really helpful, overview/introduction – if its OK with you what I’d like to do now is ask you some specific questions about your experience OR I’d like to go back and pick up on a few specific details.

**Decision-making and motivations**

2. To start with, let’s talk about when you first heard about the possibility – where was that? what did you do/who did you contact?

3. Who did you talk to about the decision? (ie. friends, family partner, online forums)

4. Did you seek out or did you receive any information about donation? [clinic websites, NGDT, Altrui/agency, donor testimonials, did you get in touch with other egg donors etc] What was most helpful to you?

5. How did you feel about the possibility at this point? (excited, apprehensive etc)

6. What made you decide to donate your eggs (probe – help, money, past reproductive experiences etc).

7. Where did you decide to go to donate your eggs? Why did you decide that rather than somewhere else? [clinic, agency, broker, egg bank]

8. What expectations did you have before the process started? Where did these ideas come from? Did your experiences match your expectations?

**Experience**

**So now turning to your** **experience during the process and once you got to the clinic**

9. Talk me through the process. What happened when you first contacted the clinic [agency, egg bank]? How long did it take them to get back to you?

10. **If agency**: what happened at the **first appointment**? Who did you see?

11. What **information** were you asked to provide **to the agency/clinic** about yourself? How did you feel about that?

12. Did you have a face to face appointment at a clinic? When you then arrived at **the clinic**, what happened? Who did you see?

13. What information were you required to give to the clinic at the clinic? (i.e. health screening questions as well as information for a future child (e.g. Pen portrait UK only)

14. Did you have any **tests**? Did you know what these were for? How did you feel about these? Were you given the results?

15. Was there anything you would have liked to know but were not told or didn’t feel that you were able to ask about?

16. Were you offered **counselling** before you started? did you take it up, what topics were discussed (did you bring them up, or the counsellor?) Did you have any other counselling sessions during the donation? Was this face to face?

17. Medications – did you get to the stage of taking medications? If yes, how did they make you feel? Did you understand what they were for? Did you experience any side effects? How were these managed?

19*.* Were you told anything about what would happen to the eggs you donate? **Were you told anything about who might receive your eggs? Were you told anything about how many women would receive your eggs?** Were you able to contribute to these decisions? If no, would you have liked to?

20. What kinds of paperwork did you need to complete? Did you understand what this was for? Consent forms etc. (with whom – agency/clinic?)

22. Do you feel that you needed **support** during the process? If so, did you get this? If so, who from? If not, why not? What about later on?

23. Who did you tell that you were starting the egg donation process?

24. Did anyone support you through the process? [family, friends, organisations, **egg donor recipients**, agency, counsellors, other egg donors…)

25. If you had questions did you know who to ask?

26. If you needed to, could you complain? Did you? [If yes, what happened then?]

27. What was positive about the experience? and what was negative?

28. Was anything better than you expected? Worse than you expected?

**Compensation**

I’d like to talk a bit about **any money involved:**

31. Were you aware that you would get money for donating your eggs? How did you find out about this? What did the clinic tell you about the money? Have you received any money yet?

33. How do you feel about the money?

35. Was this an important factor in the decision to donate?

36. Would you still go ahead with the donation if there wasn’t any money involved?

37. Have you told anyone about the money you will receive? How did they react?

**Feelings/reflections**

49. Have you thought much about what will happen to the eggs you donate?

50. Have you thought about the recipients? Who do you imagine they might be? What did the clinic tell you about the matching process?

52. Anonymity/contact - probes for each country: **In the UK, ID release donors:**

* How do you feel about being identifiable to any children born as a result of your donation one they turn 18?
* Did you write a pen portrait? What did you think about when writing it?
* Have you thought about the possibility of having contact with children born from your donation?

- Is this something you talk about with others in your life? E.g. partners, (future) children, family members?

- Would you donate if it were anonymous?

53. How important is being an egg donor to you?

55. Have you donated other types of bodily material e.g blood? Is this different? How?

56. What would you say to someone considering donating their eggs?

57. What do you think discourages/encourages people from/to donating their eggs?

58. Is there anything that you would change about the process?

**Closing.**

That is all my questions.

How did you find that?

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Or anything you thought I might ask and didn't?

Do you have any advice for us in our research project?

If you have any more questions about the research you can contact me [at the phone number, address and email address provided on the Participant Information Sheet]. We will keep adding to our research blog and website and put information about our preliminary findings and outputs there so you can find out about how the project is progressing. If you are interested, I can send you a final summary report as we near the end of the project too, this will be in around 2 years time (if yes, how would you like to me to contact you?). As we talked about before the interview, you have the right to withdraw from the study for 7 days after giving the interview, all you need to do is let me know that you’ve changed your mind and we can remove your details from the study with no questions asked.

Thank you for your time.